JÄLISSA WILLIAMS

VERSUS

ZACHARY CARAWAY, ET AL.

SUIT NO. 624,584 A

FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT

CADDO PARISH, LOUISIANA

PETITION FOR DAMAGES

NOW INTO COURT, through undersigned counsel, comes and appears JALISSA WILLIAMS, major domiciliary of Caddo Parish, Louisiana, who with respect represents that:

1.

Made defendants herein are:

- A. ZACHARY CARAWAY, a nonresident who can be served at 3060 County Road 4794, Bloomburg, Texas 75556 by registered or certified mail pursuant under LSA R.S. 13:3204;
- B. ZURICH AMERICAN INSURANCE COMPANY, a foreign insurance company that may be served through its agent for service of process: Louisiana Secretary of State, 8585 Archives Avenue, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70809;
- C. JMS RUSSEL METALS CORP., a foreign corporation that may be served through its agent for service of process: CT Corporation System, 3867 Plaza Tower Dr., Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70816; and
- D. RYDER TRUCK RENTAL, foreign corporation that may be served through its agent for service of process: Corporate Creations Network, Inc., 1070-B West Causeway Approach, Mandeville, LA 70471.

2.

Caddo Parish is a proper venue under La. C.C.P. art. 73 and La. R.S. 13:3203 and 13:3201.

3.

On August 27, 2019, ZACHARY CARAWAY was driving a Freightline truck with trailer (hereinafter "the Caraway vehicle") south in the outside lane of Interstate 49 in Desoto Parish, Louisiana.

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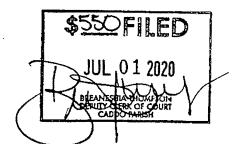
On August 27, 2019, JALISSA WILLIAMS was driving a Nissan vehicle (hereinafter "the Williams vehicle") directly behind the Caraway vehicle in the same lane.

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ZACHARY CARAWAY, however, failed to secure the load on his trailer.

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6.

Square steel bars (piping) came loose and began falling off the Caraway vehicle, crashing into the Williams vehicle and injuring plaintiff.

7.

The square steel bars also caused damage to the front, roof and rear of the Williams vehicle.

8.

The accident was caused by ZACHARY CARAWAY in the following particulars:

- A. Failing to secure the square steel bars(piping) safely;
- B. Failing to insure his load was properly distributed;
- C. Failing to properly inspect his vehicle (warped metal straps and chains);
- D. Violating La. R.S. 32:383; and
- E. Recklessly operating his vehicle.

9.

JALISSA WILLIAMS was exercising due care and caution and was free of negligence, fault, and breach of duties, and did not contribute to the cause of this accident.

10.

On August 27, 2019, the Caraway vehicle was owned by RYDER TRUCK RENTAL.

11.

A metal strap securing the load on the trailer of the Caraway vehicle had warped and lost its ability to secure the load.

12.

The defective condition of the metal strap created an unreasonable risk of harm.

13.

As the owner of the Caraway vehicle, RYDER TRUCK RENTAL shared garde and custody of the Caraway vehicle with Caraway and JMS RUSSEL METALS CORP.

14.

RYDER TRUCK RENTAL knew or should have known about the defect in its vehicle.

15.

The accident was caused by RYDER TRUCK RENTAL in the following particulars:

- A. Failing to inspect its vehicle;
- B. Failing to maintain its vehicle; and

C. Allowing its vehicle to carry loads with an unreasonable dangerous defect.

16.

On August 27, 2019, the Caraway vehicle was rented by JMS RUSSEL METALS CORP.

17.

On August 27, 2019, Caraway was driving the Caraway vehicle with the permission and authority of JMS RUSSEL METALS CORP.

18.

On August 27, 2019, Caraway was employed by JMS RUSSEL METALS CORP.

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At the time of the accident, Caraway was working in course and scope of his employment by JMS RUSSEL METALS CORP.

20.

JMS RUSSEL METALS CORP. is vicariously liable for the negligent acts and the damages caused by ZACHARY CARAWAY under La. C.C. art. 2320 and the doctrine of respondeat superior.

21.

As a result of this accident, JALISSA WILLIAMS sustained serious, painful, and permanent bodily injuries. She required medical treatment and continues to require additional treatment.

22.

JALISSA WILLIAMS itemizes her damages as follows:

- A. Past, present, and future medical expenses;
- B. Past, present, and future physical pain and suffering;
- C. Past, present, and future mental pain and anguish;
- D. Permanent injuries and disability;
- E. Loss of wages and economic opportunity;
- F. Loss of enjoyment of life; and
- G. Property damage including deductible.

23.

On August 27, 2019, ZURICH AMERICAN INSURANCE COMPANY issued and had in full force and effect a policy of public liability insurance covering the Caraway vehicle, ZACHARY CARAWAY, and JMS RUSSEL METALS CORP. and provided coverage for these damages.

WHEREFORE, plaintiff prays that this petition be served on defendants in accordance with law, that they be required to answer same, and that after all legal delays and due proceedings are had herein, there be judgment in favor of plaintiff, and against all defendants, jointly, severally, and in solido, for damages reasonable under the premises, together with interest at the legal rate from the date of judicial demand until paid in full, plus all costs of these proceedings.

Respectfully submitted,

William B. Hall, # 6447 Jean-Paul Guidry, #33164 828 Shreveport Barksdale Hwy. Shreveport, Louisiana 71105

Telephone: 318-868-1246
Attorneys for Plaintiff

Please serve:

1. JMS Russel Metals Corp.

through its agent for service of process: CT Corporation System 3867 Plaza Tower Dr. Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70816;

2. Zurich American Insurance Co.

through its agent for service of process: Louisiana Secretary of State 8585 Archives Avenue Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70809; and

3. Ryder Truck Rental

through its agent for service of process: Corporate Creations Network, Inc. 1070-B West Causeway Approach Mandeville, LA 70471.

4. Please return service documents so attorneys can serve Zachary Caraway long-arm.

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BEFORE ME, the undersigned Notary Public, personally came and appeared, William D. Hall who, after being duly sworn, did depose and state that:

He sent a certified copy of the petition and the summons by registered or certified mail, after having enclosed it in an envelope properly addressed to Zachary Caraway, with sufficient postage affixed, and deposited in the United States mail on July 10, 2020.

The return receipt from the postal service of the defendant is attached to this affidavit as Exhibit A.

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Sworn to and subscribed before me on the $\lambda \lambda$ day of July, 2020.

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